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Dear Mr Haddad

As you would be aware, the RTA submitted a Major Projects Application on 21 December 2007 seeking the Minister for Planning's approval for the Victoria Road upgrade pursuant to section 75E of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* ("EP&A Act").

A Preliminary Environmental Assessment (Project Application) report was provided in support of the application. The report included a project description, a preliminary environmental assessment and identified potential key issues for the environmental assessment.

At that time the RTA was considering options for a new four-lane bridge on either the western or eastern side of the existing Iron Cove Bridge. Following extensive consultation, options analysis and design work, the RTA has now identified a preferred option for the new bridge, consisting of three-lanes (rather than four) and located to the west of the existing bridge.

As a consequence, the RTA wishes to withdraw the previous Major Projects Application and submit a new application for the project that covers the proposed three-lane western alignment. Could you please reply to this letter to acknowledge the withdrawal of the previous application.

Accordingly, I have included a completed new Major Projects Application at Attachment A.

A revised Preliminary Environmental Assessment (Project Application) report is provided at Attachment B. I trust this information will assist in the formulation of environmental assessment requirements for the proposed upgrade.

The RTA would be pleased to provide further information on the Victoria Road upgrade project as required. In this regard the RTA's Senior Project Development Manager, Mr Andrew Davidson may be contacted on 02 8849 2590 or by email Andrew.Davidson@rta.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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